The term "undergraduate research" covers a variety of investigations and modes of inquiry that may be disciplinary or interdisciplinary, and are guided by a faculty advisor or other professional mentor.

**Research** – investigating a specific hypothesis, problem, or question; significant, original findings are incorporated into presentations and/or publications.

**Practicum** - engaging in a guided apprenticeship, externship, internship or practicum experience in frequent collaboration with a faculty mentor, developing a working knowledge of the disciplinary literature relevant to the activity, and integrating the experience with the student’s academic training.

**Creative Expression** - producing substantial original works for the stage, performance hall, or in any of various media; the expression is grounded in a systematic study of history, theory, or form.

**Critical Analysis** – studying the structure and workings of a discourse, cultural artifact, text, idea, or institution; results in original interpretations or new knowledge worthy of presentation and/or publication.

**Undergraduate Research Initiative:**
- Common Application for grant proposals
- Undergraduate Scholars Conference
- Support for student publications
- “the hub” - online academic networking
- Summer REU Coordination

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